

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2004, and further to the Response filed December 17, 2004, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein and is believed to place the application in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments and favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-45 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action dated October 18, 2004, the Examiner states that claims 5, 20, 35, 3, 18, 33, 4, 19, 34, 12, 27, 42 have been objected to but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 3; claim 16 is amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 18; and claim 31 is amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 33. Therefore, claims 1, 16, and 31 and their dependent claims should be deemed allowable. Consequently, Applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for immediate allowance. Upon entry of this amendment claims 1-2, 4-17, 19-32 and 34-35 will be all the claims pending in the application.

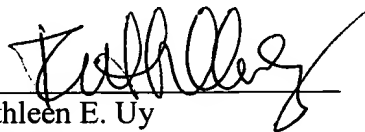
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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